

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 10 - SB 5

March 2, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires proof of U.S. citizenship to vote and additional information on voter registration forms. Requires the administrator of elections to reject any application for registration that is not accompanied by satisfactory evidence of U.S. citizenship and requires permanent registration records include a signed statement by the voter attesting that the voter is a citizen. Permits a voter who is unable to present proper evidence of identification to vote a provisional ballot. Such voters would only be authorized to use forms of identification that include a photograph of the voter. If the voter does not have and is unable to afford a valid photo identification license, such identification would be issued to the voter upon the voter's signing of a pauper's oath and any fees would be waived.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Forgone State Revenue - \$332,500/One-Time
Increase State Expenditures - \$188,100/One-Time

Assumptions:

- New voter registration forms would have to be printed and distributed to all the appropriate agencies since additional information is required on the voter registration form.
- 500,000 voter registration forms would be required to be printed at a cost of \$56.40 per unit per thousand ($\$56.40 \times 500 \text{ units} = \$28,200$).
- Motor-voter registration forms would be required to be printed at an estimated cost of \$9,000.
- A one-time printing cost for affidavit of indigence and photo only ID licenses (50,000 forms @ \$.05 each = \$2,500; 35,000 @ \$4.24 photo cost = \$148,400).
- The cost of \$4.24 per license represents the cost of a new type of security card from the Department of Safety's new driver license contract which will take effect July 1, 2009. The driver license photo card corresponds with other states and meets the requirements of the Real ID Act.

- Forgone revenue of approximately \$332,500 for photo identification only licenses issued by the Department of Safety at no cost to the applicant. Approximately 35,000 would ask for a free ID. The usual fee for a 5-year photo identification license is \$9.50. $(35,000 \times \$9.50 = \$332,500)$.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" and last name "White" clearly legible, and "W." in the middle.

James W. White, Executive Director

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